



## Million-Dollar VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS 2014



### SETTLEMENTS

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\$1,946,304

#### Woman injured in 2005 wanted benefits restored

Plaintiff was severely injured in a 2005 automobile accident. She suffered from severe cognitive and emotional deficits from a traumatic brain injury sustained in the accident.

This was her second lawsuit against defendant Citizens Insurance Co. Before this lawsuit was filed, defendant had been paying attendant care benefits at a rate that had been satisfactory to plaintiff but cut off benefits claiming that plaintiff had not supplied reasonable proof of loss.

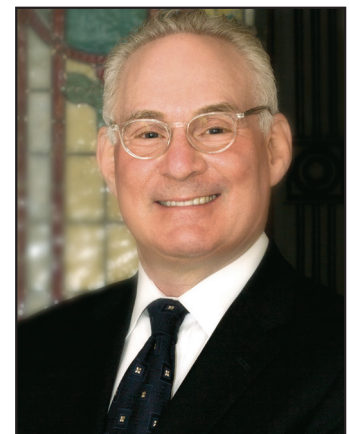
Plaintiff was forced to file five separate discovery motions in order to obtain required discovery.

The \$1,946,304 settlement was for attendant care benefits only and represents a contract between the parties covering attendant care benefits for the next 5½ years. Plaintiff's counsel noted that the amount of the settlement was considerably higher than what the insurance company had paid prior to the cutoff of attendant care benefits.

Nicholas S. Andrews, co-counsel for plaintiff, provided case information.



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**Type of action:** Automobile no-fault

**Type of injuries:** Traumatic brain injury

**Name of case:** *Gayles v. Citizens Insurance Co.*

**Court/Case no./Date:** Oakland County Circuit Court; 14-139689-NF; Oct. 17, 2014

**Name of judge:** Rudy J. Nichols

**Settlement amount:** \$1,946,304

**Insurance carrier:** Citizens

**Attorneys for plaintiff:** Nicholas S. Andrews, Arthur Y. Liss

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